

## **Federal Benefits Open Season 2009 Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)**

The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) Open Season will take place **November 10, 2008 through December 08, 2008** as part of the Federal Benefits Open Season 2009. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has contracted with 10 carriers (7 dental carriers and 3 vision carriers) to provide comprehensive dental or vision services to Federal and USPS employees, annuitants, compensationers, and survivor annuitants under FEDVIP.

### **What are the 10 official FEDVIP carriers?**

#### **Dental:**

- Aetna Life Insurance Company - [www.aetnafeds.com](http://www.aetnafeds.com)
- Government Employees Health Association, Inc. (GEHA) - [www.gehadental.com](http://www.gehadental.com)
- MetLife Inc. - [www.federaldental.metlife.com](http://www.federaldental.metlife.com)
- United Concordia Companies, Inc. - [www.uccifedvip.com](http://www.uccifedvip.com)
- Triple-S - [www.ssspr.com](http://www.ssspr.com)
- Group Health, Inc. (GHI) - [www.ghi.com](http://www.ghi.com)
- CompBenefits - [www.fed.dentaladvantage.compbenefits.com](http://www.fed.dentaladvantage.compbenefits.com)

#### **Vision:**

- BlueCross BlueShield (FEP BlueVision) - [www.fepblue.org](http://www.fepblue.org)
- UnitedHealthcare Vision (formerly Spectera) - [www.spectera.com/myfedvision](http://www.spectera.com/myfedvision)
- Vision Service Plan (VSP) - [www.choosenvsp.com](http://www.choosenvsp.com)



### **How much are premiums?**

The premiums will vary by plan and by enrollment type:

- For Dental rates, visit <http://opm.gov/insure/dental/rates/index.asp>
- For Vision rates, visit <http://opm.gov/insure/vision/rates/index.asp>

### **Are premiums paid on a pre-tax basis?**

FEDVIP coverage is the only government-wide dental or vision program that qualifies for pre-tax deduction of premiums (premium conversion) for active employees. Pre-tax premiums are not available to annuitants, survivor annuitants, or compensationers. Employees may not opt out of premium conversion.

### **How Do I Enroll?**

Enrollment in FEDVIP takes place exclusively through BENEFEDS at [www.BENEFEDS.com](http://www.BENEFEDS.com) or by telephone at: 1-877-888-FEDS (1-877-888-3337) or TTY 1-877-889-5680. Enrollment in FEDVIP does NOT take place directly with an insurance plan. You may cancel your enrollment **only** during open season.

### **When will my coverage be effective?**

FEDVIP coverage, for those who enroll during this year's open season, will be effective January 1, 2009, even if that is in the middle of a pay period. Deductions for coverage will start with the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2009.

### **Does my FEDVIP coverage automatically continue from year to year?**

Yes, your coverage continues unchanged, unless you make a change during open season or as a result of a Qualifying Life Event that permits a change outside of open season.

For further information, you may visit: [http://www.opm.gov/insure/federal\\_employ/index.asp](http://www.opm.gov/insure/federal_employ/index.asp)

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